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OF THE

TREASURER

OF THE TOWN OF

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BROOKFIELD,

Together with the report of the

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1881.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

DUDLEY C. COLMAN, Town Treasurer in account with the Town of Brookfield, N. H.

For the Year ending March 1, 1881.

Appropriations for year 1880.

To pay State Tax	$400 00	
To pay County Tax	586 51	
To pay Town Officers	300 00	
For School purposes	350 00	
To pay Town debt	600 00	
To pay Pauper bills	78 00	
For Breaking roads in 1879	257 14	
		$2 571 65
Amount on Collectors book		$2 774 31

Paid State Tax,	400 00	
" County Tax,	586 51	
		$986 51

Paid the several School Districts.

No. 1	Ezekiel Prescott	$76 12	
" 2	Susan Corson	21 93	
" 3	Sarah Goodhue	158 61	
" 4	Samuel Allen	69 88	
" 5	Samuel Langley	4 99	
" 6	Geo. A. Yeaton	8 03	
" 7	James H. Willey	37 70	
" 8	Charles Willey	2 35	
			$379 52

Paid Highway Bills.

Paid J. Neal Cate	$15 20	
" Joseph S. Curtis	2 50	
" Ezekiel Prescott	4 96	
" Jonathan W. Sanborn	15 20	
" Henry M. Libbey	2 62	
" Asa H. Witham	5 00	
" William Corson	1 73	
" George F. Edgerly	3 42	
" Dudley Edgerly	51	
" Nathaniel Foss	2 50	
" Henry N. Bliss	3 15	
" Richard Yeaton	5 56	
" Edgar M. Cate	3 25	
" Joseph Maleham	4 05	
" Samuel M. Allen	5 75	
" John F. Wiggin	27 40	
" Luther Sanborn	2 52	
		105 32

Paid Pauper Bills.

Nathan C. Weeks support of Arnana Wentworth	$84 00	
Dr. S. W. Roberts for Mary Wiggin	4 00	
Nathaniel Foss for J. F Somes	6 00	
Charles Churchill for J. F. Somes	18 50	
Ivory C. Drew for J. F Somes	2 00	
		$114 50

Abatements.

Thomas L. Churchill for 1879	7 19	
" " " " 1880	19 02	
		$26 21

Paid on Notes and Interest.

Albert O. Robinson	$138 00
Susan A. Hutchins	260 00
Eleanor Whitehouse	140 28

John T. Garland		79 56	
Harriett Blake		25 00	
Charles E. Clark		19 27	
Peter Cook		122 14	
Abba G. Hutchins		7 70	
Thomas T. Deland		74 80	
Ezekiel Prescott		49 92	
Dudley C. Colman		36 00	
Stephen H. Hutchins		104 51	
Frank Hutchins		31 14	
Betsy S. Hutchins		5 12	
			$1 093 44

Paid Miscellaneous Bills.

Dr. S. W. Roberts		$1 25	
Dr. J. E. Scruton		75	
Sarah A. Hanson		9 67	
Charles Churchill		11 85	
Nathaniel Foss	damages	2 00	
John T. Garland	"	3 00	
James C. Clark	"	25 00	
Thomas T. Deland	Loss of Sheep	5 00	
Jona. W. Sanborn	Bounty	20	
Frank Hutchins	"	5 60	
Hannah Buzzell	Watering Place	3 00	
Frank Hobbs	Legal Fees	10 00	
Charles H. Parker	Printing	11 00	
Charles Churchill		2 00	
			$90 32

Paid Town Officers.

Charles Churchill	Selectman	26 70	
Edgar M. Cate	"	24 75	
John F. Robinson	"	25 50	
Dudley C. Colman	Treasurer	20 00	
Frank A. Hanson	Town Clerk	15 00	
Achsa S. Roberts	S. S. Committee	10 00	
Dudley C. Colman	Supervisor	6 00	
Edwin C. Newell	"	6 00	
J. Neal Cate		6 00	
T. L. Churchill	Collector 1880	40 00	
Stephen H. Hutchins	Auditor	2 00	
Luther M. Sanborn	"	2 00	
			$183 95

Paid Breaking roads for year ending March 1, 1880.

District No. 1	E. Prescott Surveyor	
Ezekiel Prescott	$4 08	
John H. Ferguson	1 08	
Thomas L. Churchill	6 25	
Joseph S. Curtis	31	
Charles F. West	24	
Jona. W. Sanborn	4 12	
Noah Wilkinson	1 20	
		$17 28

District No. 2	Edgar M. Cate Surveyor	
James H. Willey	$5 39	
Edgar M. Cate	5 07	
Jeremiah Chamberlain	75	
Noah H. Roberts	48	
		$11 69

District No. 3	Joshua Neal Cate Surveyor	
J. Neal Cate	$7 38	
George F. Edgerly	5 04	
William Corson	3 00	
		$15 42

District No. 4	William P. Baker Surveyor	
Edwin L. Brown	$4 10	
Ivory C. Drew	2 17	
William P. Baker	63	
		$6 90

District No. 5	James D. Hutchins Surveyor	
Thomas T. Deland	$6 34	
George Hanson	24	
Charles Churchill	36	
Charles *H.* Hanson	60	
Frank Orcutt	60	
		$7 60

District No. 6	Thomas Goodhue Surveyor
Thomas Goodhue	$6 53
George E. Goodhue	1 50
Plumer G. Lovering	3 68
George A. Wiggin	3 25

George F. Smith	1 98	
		$16 94

District No. 7 Leonard Shortridge Surveyor

Stephen H. Hutchins	$5 10	
Frank Hutchins	1 98	
Leonard Shortridge	4 55	
		$11 63

District No. 8 John F. Adjutant Surveyor

John F. Adjutant	$6 03	
Andrew J. Lang	7 64	
Samuel F. Cummings	1 64	
Frank P. Lang	5 88	
Samuel M. Allen	4 06	
Daniel W. Lang.	2 81	
		$28 06

District No. 10 John W. Lang Surveyor

John W. Lang	$12 51	
Nathan C. Weeks	5 61	
Isaiah W. Palmer	5 11	
Stephen S. Wentworth	5 06	
John W. Weeks	1 50	
Mathes Weeks	75	
		$30 54

District No. 11 William Blake Jr Surveyor

James H. Tibbetts	$9 02	
William Blake Jr	9 52	
Daniel D. Tibbetts	8 02	
		$26 56

District No. 12 Peter Cook Surveyor

Peter Cook	$1 00	
James C. Clark	1 05	
		$2 05

District No. 13 J. F. Robinson Surveyor

John F. Robinson	$7 05	
		$7 05

District No. 14 Mark Remick Surveyor

Mark Remick	$3 85	

Joseph S. Wentworth	5 61	
Samuel H. Plumer	4 04	
Almon R. Plumer	1 56	
David L. Wentworth	5 28	
Frank H. Wentworth	1 41	
Thomas H. Plumer	78	
		$22 53

District No. 16 Richard Yeaton Surveyor

Richard Yeaton	$10 14	
		$10 14

District No. 17 Henry Lang Surveyor

Henry Lang	$10 09	
William A. Lang	12 34	
Edwin C. Newell	44	
Dudley C. Colman	1 25	
		$24 12

District No. 19 John E. Witham Surveyor

William Cottle	$1 32	
Charles H. Witham	2 28	
Asa A. Witham	8 88	
		$12 48

District No. 21 John T. Garland Surveyor

John T. Garland	$2 41	
George H. Robinson	3 24	
Robert Smith	25	
Charles Wiggin	25	
		$6 15

Recapitulation.

To Cash from Treasurer for year '79	$585 58
" " " T. L. Churchill Collector 1877	50 00
" " " T. L. Churchill Collector 1879	282 93
" " " Sav'gs Bank Tax	104 09
" " " Literary Fund	37 37
" " " Dudley C. Colman door	50

" " " T. L. Churchill Collector 1880	2 374 31	
		$3 434 88
By Paid State Tax	$400 00	
" " County Tax	586 51	
" " Several School dist's	379 52	
" " Highway bills	105 32	
" " Pauper bills	114 50	
" " Abatements	26 21	
" " Notes and Interests	1 093 44	
" " Miscellaneous bills	90 32	
" " Town Officers	183 95	
" " Breaking roads	257 14	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	197 97	
		$3 434 88

Liabilities.

Due Dudley Colman	Note	$600 00	
" Thomas T. Deland	"	300 00	
" Ezekiel Prescott	"	200 00	
" John T. Garland	"	480 00	
" Betsy L. Hutchins	"	280 00	
" Frank Hutchins	"	350 00	
" Eleanor H. Whitehouse	"	100 00	
" Harriett E. Blake	"	140 00	
" Susan A. Hutchins	"	358 00	
" Abba G. Hutchins	"	40 00	
" Peter Cook	"	600 00	
" Albert O. Robinson	"	530 00	
" Charles E. Clark	"	65 00	
" T. L. Churchill Collector 1880		27 75	
			$4 070 75

Assets.

Due Balance on Joseph T. Churchills note,	$270 00	
Due from Thomas L. Churchill Coll'r 1879	55 00	
" " " " " Coll'r 1880	400 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	197 97	
		$922 97
Total Indebtedness of Town		**$3 147 78**

DUDLEY C. COLMAN, Town Treasurer.

Brookfield. N. H., Feb. 28, 1881.

This may certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts from March 1, 1880 to March 1, 1881, and find them correctly cast and regularly vouched for.

STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS, } Auditors.
LUTHER M. SANBORN, }

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the Year ending March 1, 1881.

I have the honor to herewith submit the annual report of the condition of the Public Schools for the year now closed.

AT the last town election it was voted that this report be printed.

In conformity with that vote your school report is now for the first time in the history of this town presented in printed form.

I note with pleasure this fact as indicative of a deeper and more general interest in our town schools.

Every year shows marked advancement in the standard of education.

Our Universities, Colleges and Academies subject their courses of study to frequent and careful revisions, and at comparatively short intervals make additions to their requirements of admission to their courses of study.

In order to fit for higher institutions those who intend to pursue a more extended course of study, and in order to prepare for the responsible duties of citizenship such as have not the opportunity or disposition for a more extensive

course, our common schools are from time to time required to render more effective service. The most approved methods of instruction are necessary for the attainment of these results.

Uniformity in text books is also a very important condition of success in our schools. This can be more easily secured in view of the fact, that an occasional change of text-books is unavoidable by reason of improvement in the arrangement of school-books to adapt them to the methods of instruction in general use, also by reason of the accumulation of knowledge on the various subjects of study. No class of workers for schools devote more energy, skill and painstaking labor to their work, than authors. And certainly millions of dollars are annually employed, in preparing in the most convenient and attractive from the results of Scientific investigation. Those entrusted with the care of the young ought to examine all means which give promise of awakening a lively interest in Study and gladly avail themselves of those found suitable to their purpose.

With the increasing facilities for gaining an educatien we can only maintain our relative position in this progressive movement by using such means as bring general success. And if our children are to enter life's conflict under as favorable circumstances as we, their educational advantages must be as much greater than ours were, as the average educational opportunities of to-day are greater than those which we enjoyed.

District matters ot general interest are given in connection with statements on the several districts.

District No. 1.

Winter Term. Length, 13 2-5 weeks; whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 11; instances of tardiness, 70; of dismission 25. Teacher, Mrs. A. S. Roberts; Wages per month, including board $20,90.

During the first part of the term the School was well at-

tended and good advancement made, the last part of the term the traveling was so bad that many of the scholars were unable to attend. In consequence of sickness prevailing among most of the scholars, the school money was not all kept out.

District No. 2.

Fall Term,—Length, 6 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 20 ; instances of tardiness, 0 : of dismission, 0. Teacher, Miss Hortense Dealand ; Wages per month, including board, $17.

This school notwithstanding the length of the term made good progress under the care and instruction of one of the most proficient of teachers, her presence in the school-room can but inspire the scholars with energy and diligence. She is a graduate from the New Hampton Seminary. This School has been under her instrnction for several successive years. The school contains pupils, that have made unusually good attainments, for their advantages.

The whole number of scholars that belong in this district are 8 the others come from an adjoining district.

District No. 3.

Summer Term.—Length, 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 20 ; average attendance, 16 ; instances of tardiness, 17 ; of dismission. 0. Teacher, Miss Laura F. Armitage. Wages per month including board, $19. The scholars made progress. Miss. Armitage was a graduate from one of the Normal schools in Mass. We think with more experience she may make one of the best of teachers. In Book-keeping 1.

Fall Term.—Length, 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars 23 ; average attendance, 17 ; instances of tardiness, 23 ; of dismission, 17. Teacher, Miss. Marynette W. Hill ; wages per month including board, $20.

Winter Term.—Length, 14 3-5 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 21 ; average attendance, 14 ; instances of tardi-

ness 42 ; of dismission, 28. Teacher, Miss. Maryette W. Hill ; wages per month including board, $20.

Miss. Hill with good qualifications has acquired skill, as a teacher. giving thorough instruction to all entrusted to her care. The advancement during both terms was very good. The school was not visited after within about four weeks of its close, for reason of bad roads and inclemency of the weather. In Book-keeping 1.

District No. 4.

Summer Term.—Length, 7 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 21 ; average attendance, 18 ; instances of tardiness, 11 ; of dismission. 9. Teacher, Miss Annah M. Cotton ; Wages per month, including board, $19.

Fall Term. Length, 7 1-2 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 25 ; average attendance, 23 ; instances of tardinesss, 37 ; of dismission, 17. Teacher, Miss Annah M. Cotton ; wages per month, including board, $20.

During both terms, Miss Cotton performed her duty faithfully and with good success. She is judicious in her methods of teaching and governing. There was evidence of good progress in the School. In Book-keeping 2

District No. 7.

Fall Term.—Length, 9 weeks , whole number of scholars, 13 ; average attendance, 11 ; instances of tardiness, 80; of dismission, 12. Teacher, Miss Lizzie B. Cate ; wages per month, including board, $16. Miss Cate by faithful instruction, sustained an interest that afforded an evidence of good advancement in the school. In Book-keeping 1.

Whole number of scholars in the Schools during the year, 104 ; whole number of boys, 62 ; whole number of girls, 42. The amount raised by town tax, for the Schools, $350,00, from all other sources, $39.96 Amount appropriated for each scholar $6,77.

The various kinds of Geographies used in the different schools, have been exchanged during the year, for the Mon-

teith's series. The exchange was almost entire; which we deem advisable, as a uniformity of text-books is always necessary to success in schools. The Franklin series of Readers, that have been used for several years in our schools have been exchanged for the Appleton's series by part of the schools; we think it would be a benefit for the exchange to be entire. Allow me to suggest that the presence of parents both at the regular sessions and at the closing exercises of each term would often benefit our children by showing our interest in their school work. By a faithful watch over their progress in our common schools, we may be enabled to create a desire to pursue a course of study in some of our higher institutions of learning. Let us strive to have our children hold as important positions of usefulness in life as their powers, when properly trained qualify them to occupy.

ACHSA S. ROBERTS,

Superintending School Committee.

Brookfield, Feb'y 26, 1881.

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